

D'Angelo Jr. Mr. D'Angelo passed away on October 14th and a memorial service will be held in his honor on October 28th in Madison Heights, Michigan.

Horace D'Angelo Jr. earned a BA and MA in Business Administration from Michigan State University and he embarked on a career in nursing home administration. He was the innovator behind the Caretel Inn concept of providing nursing care in a residential setting. He has opened Caretel Inns throughout Michigan including two in my district in Linden and Frankenlust Township. His commitment to providing the best care for our most vulnerable citizens was recognized by the Multiple Sclerosis Society when in 2003 they bestowed their da Vinci Award on the Caretel concept. The da Vinci Award is given for, "the most innovative and assistive technologies that enable equal access and opportunity for all people, regardless of ability," and is given in the fields of applied research, creation of products and design of buildings.

He was a founding member of the Assisted Living Federation of America and served on the board of Michigan Assisted Living of America. Horace is survived by his wife, Lorrie, his two children, Michael and Cara, brother, Jim, and sister, Diana.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in offering condolences to the relatives and friends of Horace D'Angelo Jr. as they come together in paying tribute to his life and work. The field of nursing home care has been changed by his compassion and commitment to providing expert care for the elderly.

RECOGNIZING JESUS P. CARRILLO'S 38 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jesus P. Carrillo of El Paso, Texas, for his 38 years of distinguished public service.

Mr. Carrillo began his career with the United States Border Patrol in June 1971. Over his distinguished career, Mr. Carrillo served as a Border Patrol Agent, Special Agent, Undercover Special Agent and Senior Special Agent. During his time with the Border Patrol, Mr. Carrillo gained the respect of his colleagues and his work was ultimately honored by former Attorney General Janet Reno when she awarded Mr. Carrillo with the Attorney General's Award in 1995. Mr. Carrillo fully embraced the Border Patrol's mission of securing our Nation's borders, and he served with great honor and distinction.

In his time as a public servant, Mr. Carrillo was the subject of several threats and attempts on his life. His service is a reminder of the many risks that confront Border Patrol agents each day and why we owe them our sincere gratitude for their bravery, service and sacrifice. Before coming to Congress, I served for 26½ years in the Border Patrol, and I will always remain a part of that special family. I know first-hand the challenges and dangers that the agents face each day, and as a Member of Congress, I remain committed to ensur-

ing that they have the resources and support that they need. I commend Mr. Carrillo for his 38 years of public service and sacrifice to protect our country and the City of El Paso.

HONORING THE HONORABLE GIANFRANCO CONTE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor our colleague from the Republic of Italy, the Honorable Gianfranco Conte.

As President of the Finance Commission in the Italian Parliament, Hon. Conte has worked tirelessly to strengthen the cultural, economic, and commercial ties between the United States and Italy.

Hon. Conte's efforts have bolstered the relationship between the United States and Italy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Hon. Conte for his commitment to a flourishing international partnership.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF DESTIN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Destin, Florida upon the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

The City of Destin has a rich historical heritage dating back to the American Indian tribes who lived along the Emerald Coast of Florida. In 1528, Panfilo de Narvaez first came ashore in the Destin area. In 1693, another Spanish explorer, Don Francisco Tapia surveyed the Florida coast and first entered Destin's East Pass into what is now known as Choctawhatchee Bay.

The first lasting settlement came in the mid-1800's when Captain Leonard Destin and his family moved from New England to build a colonial home at the location of the Monroe Point military reservation. While living on the East Pass peninsula, he met and married Martha McCullom. Their descendants formed the backbone of the Destin community. Captain Destin and his family established a large fishing town that lives on to this day and is known as the "World's Luckiest Fishing Village."

The residents of the South Okaloosa County area voted to incorporate the City of Destin on November 6, 1984. The first municipal election was held on January 8, 1985, and less than a week later the Mayor and City Council were sworn in. Twenty-five years later, Destin has grown from a sleepy fishing village into one of the Emerald Coast's premier tourist destinations with over 12,000 residents.

Madam Speaker, my wife Vicki and I wish to congratulate the City of Destin on its 25th anniversary. We wish them all the best for continued success as a community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF MR. LEA FITE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the memory of my friend, Mr. Lea Fite, of Jacksonville, Alabama.

Mr. Fite was born in Anniston, Alabama, and was later married to Judy. They were blessed with four children, Laurie, Wes, Trae and Jared. Lea attended Jacksonville University and owned several supermarkets across Calhoun County.

Mr. Fite was elected to the Calhoun County Commission in 1998 and then to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2002. He served tirelessly on behalf of his constituents in the 40th District.

Mr. Fite unexpectedly passed away on October 26, 2009. He will be sorely missed, but remembered as a man who gave selflessly for his fellow Alabamians. He was a man of principle, of dignity, and a true American and Alabamian who was always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.

A USEFUL QUOTE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a friend and constituent of mine, Adriel "Squeaky" McGill, from San Antonio, Texas, has given me a quote that I feel has present-day application. I submit it for the benefit of my colleagues and citizens everywhere.

The following quotation, from 1790 by Dr. Alexander Tytler, Professor of General History, University of Edinburgh, is still instructive:

A Democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largess out of the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from that public treasury, with the result that a democracy will always collapse from a loose fiscal policy (burden of large public debt), always to be followed by a dictatorship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, on October 26, 2009, my flight to Washington, DC, was delayed because of inclement weather, and I missed rollcall Votes 814 and 815. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall Vote 814, "yea," rollcall Vote 815, "yea."

THE COOPER-WOLF SAFE
COMMISSION BILL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, the national unemployment rate is 9.8 percent with nearly half of the states reporting increases in the month of September. And it is growing—it could reach 10 percent.

The national debt is approaching \$12 trillion, and the '09 fiscal year registered a staggering \$1.4 trillion in red ink. Meanwhile the House is expected to consider a health insurance reform package with a price tag nearing \$900 billion, with a Government run public option.

America is going broke.

We have watched the dollar slide—recently reaching a 14-month low against all other major currencies—which if not addressed this could lead to even higher consumer prices.

We can't spend our way out of this mess, and it won't magically get better without action from Congress.

The country is in trouble and it's time to stop the bleeding.

The action that will lead to a solution is the bipartisan commission JIM COOPER and I have proposed with every spending program on the table with tax policy. Over 75 members of the House support this idea.

Senate Budget Chairman KENT CONRAD and ranking member GREGG have similar legislation in the Senate. So do Senators VOINOVICH and LIEBERMAN.

The Cooper-Wolf SAFE Commission bill is an opportunity to create a renaissance in this country for our children and our grandchildren.

KATHRYN RUSSELL

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the untimely passing of Kathryn Russell, who was killed in a car accident on the evening of October 22, 2009. She will be sorely missed by her friends, family, and community as well as independent farming advocates throughout the country. My heart goes out to her husband Wayne and their children Holly, Lynn, Laura, Emily, Beth, Charlotte, Caleb, and Hannah.

Kathryn returned to her grandparents' roots by beginning her farm over a decade ago and was a valued member of the North Garden community in Albemarle County, Virginia. As the owner of Majesty Farms and a founder and leader of the Virginia Independent Consumers and Farmers Association, she worked to protect family farms, locally grown food, and to promote ecological and economic sustainability. Kathryn took great pride in her work and believed strongly in the importance of community-based farming to create a vibrant local economy and a healthy citizenry. I can personally attest to her fearlessness and tirelessness in promoting traditional farming. She was an ardent skeptic of big government and corporate agriculture, and often saw through attempts by both to consolidate power at the

expense of consumers and small farmers. While she was a strident advocate, she was also patient enough to help those of us who needed a little extra educating to get up to speed on these issues. Today, there are too few farmers like Kathryn Russell and her husband Wayne. I have strong hopes that she has passed on her legacy to her eight children and four grandchildren, and that they will maintain her memory by continuing the work toward lasting rural communities for generations to come.

HONORING COLONEL GINA GROSSO

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Colonel Gina Grosso and the fellow recipients of National Association of Women Business Owners' 2009 Beyond the Glass Ceiling Award. As Joint Base and 87th Air Base Wing Commander, Colonel Grosso was awarded this year's Trailblazer Award for her work overseeing the unification of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Colonel Grosso entered the Air Force in 1986 as a Reserve Officer Training Corps distinguished graduate from Carnegie-Mellon University. She has held several command and staff positions throughout her career and her command tours include a Headquarters Squadron Section, Military Personnel Flight, Mission Support Squadron, and command of the Air Force's sole Basic Military Training Group.

As commander, Colonel Grosso provides installation support to more than 40 mission commanders at McGuire, Dix, and Lakehurst, the Department of Defense's first and only joint base with consolidated Air Force, Army, and Navy installations. She is responsible for providing mission ready expeditionary Airmen to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Colonel Gina Grosso. She is truly a trailblazer and an outstanding leader deserving of this award.

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS NATIONAL SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month. During the month of October, the Spina Bifida Association seeks to bring awareness to the nation's most common permanently disabling birth defect—affecting 3,000 pregnancies every year. New data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found that there are 154,000 Americans with Spina Bifida, double what was previously thought. Increasing awareness of Spina Bifida will also focus attention on the need to expand and intensify evidence-based

research to improve the quality of life of those living with Spina Bifida.

Spina Bifida is a disease that occurs within the first month of pregnancy and leaves a permanent opening in the spinal column, which subsequently impacts nearly every organ system. People with this birth defect face many complications—including physical, developmental, educational and vocational challenges, to name just a few. All women of childbearing age are at risk for having a Spina Bifida affected pregnancy.

Too many Americans suffer needlessly from this birth defect when many cases are preventable. An estimated 70 percent of neural tube defects, including Spina Bifida, are preventable through consumption of folic acid prior to pregnancy. National Spina Bifida Awareness Month plays a critical role in conveying this prevention message to the public. As a 2005 study uncovered, the current system of care for people with Spina Bifida does not fully meet current or anticipated needs, and physicians have little evidence-based research on which to build appropriate treatments. A greater commitment to prevention and improving quality of life for those affected by Spina Bifida is absolutely necessary.

Drs. Cheng and Yerkes, who are pediatric urologists at Children's Memorial Hospital in the 5th Congressional District of Illinois, and are on the Professional Advisory Council of the Spina Bifida Association, visited my Washington office on October 20, 2009 to discuss the challenges facing children with Spina Bifida. I thank Drs. Cheng and Yerkes and the Spina Bifida Association for all of their efforts and leadership over the years.

I stand ready to work with my constituents and the Spina Bifida Association to help elevate awareness of this condition and its prevention. I urge my colleagues to learn more about Spina Bifida, to meet with affected constituents, and to support the Spina Bifida Association in its important endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD BARNES ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Gerald Floyd Barnes upon the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Barnes has spent a lifetime serving others, and it is a privilege to recognize him on his accomplishments today.

Gerald Barnes was born on October 30, 1919 in Baker, Florida. He is one of five children born to Otis and Vera Barnes, and he is a life-long Northwest Florida resident. When he was five years old, Gerald and his family moved to Milton, Florida. In 1942, he married Irene Russell. They have two children and four grandchildren. When World War II ended, Gerald joined his father in the grocery business, later opening his own store in downtown Milton—Barnes Supermarket.

Gerald began his life of elected public service in 1950. He served on the Milton City Council between 1950 and 1962, and then was elected as County Commissioner for Santa Rosa County in 1966. In 1972, Gerald was elected as the Clerk of the Court for